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In re application of: Chisari et al.
Serial No.: 08/854,825
Filing Date: May 12, 1997
For: PEPTIDES FOR INDUCING CYTOTOXIC T
LYMPHOCYTE RESPONSES TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS
Docket No.: 329368-101A (as amended hereby)

Art Unit: 1813
Examiner: Parkin

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted for the purpose of directing the examination of the present continuation application to new claims that were not considered in the previously allowed parent case, namely Serial No. 08/214,650. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and that the pending claims of the instant patent application be considered in view of the discussion provided herein.

IN THE DOCKET NUMBER:

Please strike the docket number of this case as filed, i.e., "329368-101CON", and substitute therefor -- ~~329368-101A~~ --.

IN THE TITLE:

Please strike the title of this case as filed, i.e., "PEPTIDES FOR INDUCING CYTOTOXIC T LYMPHOCYTE RESPONSES TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS", and substitute therefor -- HEPATITIS C VIRUS-DERIVED PEPTIDES CAPABLE OF INDUCING CYTOTOXIC T LYMPHOCYTE RESPONSES --.

IN THE SPECIFICATION: (10)

At page 1, line 3, strike "grants", and substitute therefor -- Grant No. AI20001 --.

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At page 6, lines 26-27, strike "SEQ ID NO:55" and substitute therefor -- E1₂₅₇₋₂₆₆;
SEQ ID NO:3 --.

At page 8, line 36, strike "SEQ ID NO:55" and substitute therefor -- E1₂₅₇₋₂₆₆; SEQ ID
NO:3 --.

At page 9, line 26, after "acids", insert -- or to less than about 50 amino acids --.

At page 11, line 14, strike "aryllyl" and substitute therefor -- aralkyl --.

At page 16, line 17, strike "SEQ ID NO:55" and substitute therefor -- E1₂₅₇₋₂₆₆; SEQ
ID NO:3 --.

At page 26, line 17, strike "HBV", and substitute therefor -- HCV --.

At page 36, lines 7-8, strike "tripalmitoyl-S-glycerylcysteinyl-seryl-serine" and
substitute therefor -- tripalmitoyl-S-glycerylcysteinyl-seryl-serine --.

At page 36, line 36, strike "1985" and substitute therefor -- 1985 --.

At page 38, line 31, strike "injection" and substitute therefor -- injection --.

At page 39, line 21, strike "SEQ ID NO:55" and substitute therefor -- E1₂₅₇₋₂₆₆; SEQ
ID NO:3 --.

At page 39, line 28, strike "nucleocapsid-encoded" and substitute therefor
-- nucleocapsid-encoded --.

At page 44, line 9, strike "stimulation. Falk" and substitute therefor -- stimulation, as
described by Falk --.

At page 46, line 15, strike the line.

At page 49, line 10, strike "Ma" and substitute therefor -- MA --.

At page 58, line 4, strike "activity (is)" and substitute therefor -- activity is --.

At page 59, line 6, strike "Aichele," and substitute therefor -- Aichele --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all currently pending claims, namely claims 10-19 and 21, without
prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

22. An isolated peptide that induces an hepatitis C virus (HCV)-specific response
in cytotoxic T lymphocytes having a sequence that differs no more than about 20% from
ADLMGYIPLV (Core₁₃₁₋₁₄₀; SEQ ID NO:1), DLMGYIPLV (Core₁₃₂₋₁₄₀; SEQ ID NO:54),
LLALLSCLTV (Core₁₇₈₋₁₈₇; SEQ ID NO:2), QLRRHIDLLV (E1₂₅₇₋₂₆₆; SEQ ID NO:3),
LLCPAGHAV (NS₃₁₆₉₋₁₁₇₇; SEQ ID NO:26), KLVALGINAV (NS₃₁₄₀₆₋₁₄₁₅; SEQ ID